

**Bitterroot Job Service Employers Committee Meeting**  
**May 23, 2006 Minutes**

***Present:***

Mark Seitz, Citizens State Bank	Vikki Bell, Ravalli County Bank
Patti Furniss, Bitterroot JSWC	Debbie Morris, Marcus Daly Mem. Hospital
Becky Brough, Hamilton Schools	Linda Valentine, Human Resources Council
Pat Easley, Bitterroot Valley Chamber	Julie Foster, Executive Director RCEDA
Tracy Klapwyk, Bitterroot Floor/Ceiling	Michele Seitz, Marcus Daly Mem. Hospital
Kathleen Cannon-Siegle, Bitterroot JSWC	

***Introductions:*** Introductions were made with business affiliations.

***Treasurer's Report:*** Debbie reported the JSEC account balance as \$4,506.22 noting expenses and income. A motion passed to accept the treasurer's report.

***Minutes:*** A motion passed to accept the April 18<sup>th</sup> minutes as written.

***JSEC Scholarship Recipients:*** Mark introduced Ken Nordyke and Melissa Ireland, the winners of our two \$500 JSEC scholarships. Ken will be graduating from Corvallis High School next month. He will be working two to three jobs this summer, one of which is producing wooden furniture. He is self employed in this venture and distributed some of his business flyers to the committee. He plans to attend BYU Idaho in Rexburg starting on August 20<sup>th</sup>. He will be a participant of the Automotive Technology Program. Melissa Ireland is married with three teenage children at home. She is employed with Marcus Daly Memorial Hospital as a Surgical Technician and plans to further her education in the nursing field. She commented that Marcus Daly Memorial Hospital has been very supportive of her continuing education plans. She will be attending the College of Technology in Missoula. Both candidates were delightful and very focused on the educational paths designed to reach their goals.

***JSEC Scholarships:*** Mark distributed a JSEC Scholarship Committee report noting that sixteen scholarship applications were received, two were selected by consensus, and he recommended the scholarship amount and/or the number of scholarship recipients be increased next year. Mark gave kudos to Cindy Beck, Tracy Klapwyk and Betty Lund who served on the scholarship committee with him. The executive committee will discuss options in August including our mission and goals.

***JSEC/Managers Meeting:*** Patti commented on the trip to Fairmont Hot Springs with Cindy Beck. They had state car difficulties to and from this event. There was high security as the President of Ireland was lodging at the same facility. Patti noted that we submitted recommendations for two JSEC awards for Outstanding JSEC and JSEC Coordinator. We didn't receive an award this go round. Kudos were given to Kathleen and Patti presented her with a beautiful vase of fresh flowers from Marcus Street Flowers. Patti highlighted Kim Gibbs' presentation at the conference which focused on communication skills and noted that she lives in Stevensville. The video, "Ethics for Everyone" was reviewed by conference attendees and an ethics opinion pole was

distributed and completed beforehand. Patti passed around a flashy brochure from the Flathead marketing a seminar entitled “Are You Ready for the Next Generation?” with Rebecca Ryan as speaker. Kathleen reported that best practices around the state included many JSEC sponsored seminars with successful results. Cindy will give us a conference update at our next meeting. The next JSEC/Managers Meeting will be held in Bozeman the spring of 2007 and Polson will be the site for the 2008 conference.

***Job Service Update:*** Patti informed the group that we will be reorganizing the reception area and constructing an island for our customers providing a surface to organize their materials. Patti said that she does not know the status of grants and the budget at this time.

***Elections:*** Patti reported that Cindy is willing to continue as Chair, Becky volunteered to continue as Vice Chair and Deb volunteered to continue as Treasurer for another year. A motion passed to accept these officer positions as stated.

***Community Job Fair update:*** Patti reported that an intern in our office compiled the Community Job Fair Job Seeker evaluations and she will provide a copy to members at their request.

***This meeting adjourned at 12:45 – WOW!!***